

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A web of thermoplastic multicomponent substantially continuous fibers is mixed with absorbent materials. The multicomponent fibers have a low melting point sheath which is fully activated to melt and wet the absorbent particles. The web is then densified and cooled, securing the absorbents to the web with hardened flow joints and enabling the web to carry high loadings of absorbent while maintaining good web integrity.